

after general debate. Finally, the rule prohibits further consideration of the bill except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. Testimony was heard from Chairman Skelton and Representative Hunter.

#### NASA AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics approved for full Committee action H.R. 6063, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008.

#### COAST GUARD/NTSB CASUALTY INVESTIGATIONS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Coast Guard and National Transportation Safety Board Casualty Investigation Program. Testimony was heard from RADM James Watson, IV, USCG, Director, Prevention Policy, Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship; Anne L. Richards, Assistant Inspector General, Audits, both with the Department of Homeland Security; and Kathryn O'Leary Higgins, member, National Transportation Safety Board, Department of Transportation.

#### PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action H.R. 6003, Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008.

#### ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. Testimony was heard from Representative Doggett; and John J. Manfreda, Administrator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury.

#### BRIEFING—NIE

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a follow-up briefing on National Intelligence Estimate. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### Joint Meetings

#### BUDGET RESOLUTION

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House adopted versions of S. Con. Res. 70, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government

for fiscal year 2009 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2008 and 2010 through 2013.

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#### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D625)

H.R. 6022, to suspend the acquisition of petroleum for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Signed on May 19, 2008. (Public Law 110–232)

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

##### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine efforts to create jobs with climate solutions, focusing on the ways agriculture and forestry can help lower costs in a low-carbon economy, 2:30 p.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Washington and London on June 21 and 26, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110–07), and treaty Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, done at Sydney, September 5, 2007 (Treaty Doc.110–10), 9:15 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, S–216, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the skyrocketing price of oil, 10 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Cynthia L. Bauerly, of Minnesota, Caroline C. Hunter, of Florida, and Donald F. McGahn, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission; to be followed by a business meeting to consider and vote on the nominations, 2:45 p.m., SR–301, 2 p.m., SR–301.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine pending health care legislation, 9:30 a.m., SR–418.

##### House

*Committee on Education and Labor,* hearing on the National Mathematics Advisory Panel Report: Foundations for Success, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1157, Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act of 2007; and